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SUBJECT: CHILE REQUESTS U.S. ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF

ALMARIK TESTIMONY AGAINST USSR

1. CHILE'S AMBASSADOR FERNANDEZ CALLED ON PERMREP MORNING SEPTEMBER 27 TO REQUEST U.S. INTERVENTION ENABLING ANDRE ALMARIK TO TESTIFY BEFORE EXBD. FERNANDEZ SUGGESTED EITHER WE MOVE THAT THIS ITEM BE PLACED ON AGENDA, OR THAT WE LOBBY WITH EXBD CHAIRMAN WYNTER TO APPROVE ALMARIK TESTIMONY BEFORE EXBD DURING PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXBD. (OCTOBER 1 MEETING WILL DETERMINE IF COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE HEARD PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SESSION.) FOR PURPOSE OF AIDING DEMARCHE TO WYNTER, FERNANDEZ RECOUNTED THAT PRECEDENT HAD ALREADY BEEN SET DURING LAST APRIL'S SESSION OF EXBD COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ALLOWING EMIGRES TO TESTIFY BEFORE EXBD. FERNANDEZ ALSO SAID WYNTER PRESENTLY FAVORS TAKING ALMARIK'S TESTIMONY PRIVATELY AND THEN REPORTING

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TO UNESCO THAT ALMARIK HAS BEEN HEARD.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY ALREADY TOO LATE, AND WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, TO TRY TO CHANGE AGENDA NOW TO ALLOW ALMARIK'S TESTIMONY. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SINCE U.S. WAS NOT MEMBER OF COMMITTEE OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT NEED FOR EVEN HANDEDNESS BUT OTHERWISE TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE. WE AGREED TO REPORT CHILIAN AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE AND ASK FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION. USDEL ALSO RECOMMENDED HE SOUND OUT OTHER DELEGATIONS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR POSITIONS.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL LEAD ON PUSHING FOR ALMARIK'S ORAL TESTIMONY. THERE IS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING AGENDA THIS LATE DATE. WYNTER'S DECISION WILL BE THE CRUCIAL FACTOR AND WE HAVE NOT YET ASCERTAINED HIS VIEW. BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR WYNTER TO TAKE INITIATIVE. WE WOULD RECOMMEND U.S. SUPPORT WYNTER'S DECISION AS BOARD WILL VERY LIKELY FOLLOW HIS LEAD ON THIS ISSUE.
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